1. Christians are concentrated in Kyushu Island, especially Nagasaki. Other Christian areas are located mostly near the ports.
2. Catholic missionaries came as Japan started trading with the west.
3. They must have felt threatened, since it is directly opposing Shinto.
4. To protect inner stability, governing order, culture, domestic industries, etc.
5. Shogun may believe that Catholic Church would use its influence on Japanese Catholics to assist the Western invasion.
6. Christianity directly opposes Shinto, the governing religion of Japan. Christianity is in conflict with the belief that the Emperor is the descendent of Sun Goddess.
7. Yes, it would, since the Western ideas are in many ways in conflict with Shogun’s governing philosophy and class system, etc.
8. Japanese Christians would have not obeyed Shogun’s orders, secretly spreading Christianity. Japanese merchants would have mostly obeyed the orders, though not without a grudge, but there must have been few merchants who secretly traded with the West.
9. Japanese cannot go abroad, and all the incoming foreigners have to be under strict regulations. Christianity must be banned strictly.
10. To prevent Christianity from spreading and to control the trade with the foreign countries, especially the West.
11. No Japanese could go abroad to get new ideas from other countries and no cultural exchanges could have been done.
12. Japan’s governing order, philosophy, culture, would remain preserved, and domestic industries will be protected from international competition.
13. Daimyos had to spend a lot of resources to prove their loyalty to Shogun.
14. Shogun effectively controlled Daimyos, preventing any rebellion. Emperor, who wasn’t really involved with the politics, just lived in peace.
15. Since there are no wars, the Samurai weren’t used as the warriors, but used as officials, scholars, and other various functions.
16. I must have felt like not useful at all as a warrior. I must have felt the need to develop other skills to use.
17. A short poem to describe a special moment.